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## I. INTRODUCTION

The present work is a bibliography of East African languages and linguistics (excluding Somali and Swahili), covering works first published during the period 1880-1980 which are available in the library of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I chose this time limitation, because works dating before 1880 are rare and often not of much linguistic value. After 1980, the opposite is true: there is much current work of value in the field of African Linguistics, and it is easy to keep abreast of it by consulting the continuing bibliographies and journals listed in the Continuing Sources section of this work. I have excluded Swahili and Somali from the scope of this bibliography, because so much literature is available for them that they each would deserve a separate bibliography.

The works covered in this bibliography then, are books, articles, monographs and dissertations containing linguistic data and/or analyses of all the languages of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, except Somali and Swahili. Most of the works are in the form of grammars and lexicons (broadly defined) and texts, but I have also included some works on the history and classification of the languages, especially in the General Sources and Reference Works section. Finally, since I wanted to be able to judge the contents of each of the works for myself, I have only listed those written in languages I read, namely French, German and English.

My sources in compiling this bibliography were the works listed in Section V, especially those whose annotations are preceded by an asterisk. I relied on the computerized card catalog system of the University of Illinois library to research whether the references I gathered from the other bibliographies were available at the University of Illinois library. I then verified all the references cited in this paper by examining them personally. Those few items which were listed as lost or missing from the shelf by the catalog system I could not, of course, examine, though where possible I checked the reference in some other source. I note the fact that a work was lost or missing from the shelf and so not examined by me in its entry. Since I also did not check the references available on microfilm, except to verify that the library did have the corresponding microfilms, I indicate this fact in the entries.

The only references which are systematically annotated are the General Sources and Reference Works and the Continuing Sources. In the Linguistic Bibliography (Section III), an entry is annotated only if:

1- the title does not clearly indicate the language(s) covered, or some other aspect of the contents;

2- the work has some special value for the linguist, especially if tone is marked on the data, since this is my main interest; especially useful works are indicated by an asterisk preceding their annotation;



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Abbreviation	Full Title of Journal	Call No.
RSE	Rassegna di Studi Etiopici, Rome	963R185
SAL	Studies in African Linguistics, Los Angeles	Q496.05ST
SLS	Studies in the Linguistic Sciences Dept of Linguistics, U of Illinois	410ST92
SNR	Sudan Notes and Records, Khartoum (vols 1-37 on Microfilm, 30- in Stx)	FILM916.24 SU21
SUGIA	Sprache und Geschichte in Afrika	409.6SP72
Swahili	Kiswahili, Journal of the Institute of Swahili Research	496.39205 SW
TNR	Tanganyika/Tanzania Notes and Records, Dar es Salaam (vols 1-33 on film; 20- in Stx)	FILM916.78 T156
UJ	Uganda Journal, Kampala	059.676UG
Word	Word, Journal of the International Linguistic Association, New York	405WOR
ZEth	Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, Berlin	572.05ZF
ZPhon	Zeitschrift für Phonetik, Sprach- wissenschaft und Kommunikationsforschung	414.05ZE
ZDMG	Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländ- ischen Gesellschaft	490.6DEU
B. Other Abbreviations and Symbols		
AA	Afro-Asiatic Language Family	
KH	Khoisan Language Family	
NK	Niger-Kordofanian Language Family	
NS	Nilo-Saharan Language Family	
IAI	International African Institute	
OUP	Oxford University Press	
/	separating language names indicates transcriptional variants	
~	separating language names indicates alternate names	

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(Including all transcriptional variants,  
alternate and dialect names)

Language	Classification
Acoli/Acholi	NS: W. Nilotic
Adhola	NS: W. Nilotic
Alawa/Alagwa	AA: S. Cushitic
Alur	NS: W. Nilotic
Aramanik (see Dorobo)	NS: S. Nilotic
Asu (see Pare)	NK: Bantu
Ateso (see Teso)	NS: E. Nilotic
Barabaig (see Tatoga)	NS: S. Nilotic
Bari	NS: E. Nilotic
Bena	NK: Bantu
Bira	NK: Bantu
Bondei	NK: Bantu
Boni	AA: E. Cushitic
Bukusu (see Masaba)	NK: Bantu
Burungi	AA: S. Cushitic
Buwe (see Mbugwe)	NK: Bantu
Caga/Chaga/Chagga	NK: Bantu
Casu (see Pare)	NK: Bantu
Chaga/Chagga (see Caga)	NK: Bantu
Chonyi (see Giriyama)	NK: Bantu
Chuka/Suka	NK: Bantu
Chula (see Singa)	NK: Bantu
Ciga (see Nyankore)	NK: Bantu
Dabida (see Taita)	NK: Bantu
Dhaiso ~ Segeju	NK: Bantu
Digo	NK: Bantu
Dorobo	NS: S. Nilotic
Druna (see Lendu)	NS: Cent. Sudanic
Dzalamo (see Zaramo)	NK: Bantu
Dzindza (see Zinza)	NK: Bantu
Efe (see Lese)	NS: Cent. Sudanic
Embu	NK: Bantu
Fiome/Ufiomi (see Alawa)	AA: S. Cushitic
Fipa	NK: Bantu
Ganda/Luganda	NK: Bantu
Giriyama ~ Nyika	NK: Bantu
Gishu/Gisu (see Masaba)	NK: Bantu
Gogo	NK: Bantu
Goroka	AA: S. Cushitic
Gusii	NK: Bantu
Gweno	NK: Bantu
Ha	NK: Bantu
Hadza ~ Kindiga ~ Kangeju	KH: Hadza
Haya ~ Ziba	NK: Bantu
Hehe	NK: Bantu
Holoholo	NK: Bantu

Igoji (see Meru)  
Ik  
Ilamba (see Nilamba)  
Imenti (see Meru)  
Irangi (see Langi)  
Iraqw/Iraqu  
Jinja (see Zinza)  
Jita ~ Kwaya ~ Ruri  
Kagulu/Kaguru  
Kalenjin (see Nandi-Kipsigis)  
Kamba  
Kami  
Kangeju (see Hadza)  
Karamojong  
Kavirondo (see Luo)  
Kerebe/Kerewe  
Kiga/Ciga (see Nyankore)  
Kikuyu  
Kimbu  
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Kinga  
Kipsigis (see Nandi-Kipsigis)  
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Konjo/Konzo  
Konzo (see Konjo)  
Kuria/Kulia  
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Kwaya (see Jita)  
Kyamutwara (see Haya)  
Labwor (see Dorobo)  
Lambya  
Langi/Rangi ~ Irangi  
Lango (see Acoli)  
Lendu  
Lese ~ Efe  
Limi (see Rimi)  
LiVanuma (see Nyali)  
Logooli/Ragoli  
Lotuko/Lotuho/Lotuxo  
Luganda (see Ganda)  
Lugbara ~ Ma'di  
Luguru/Lugulu (see Ruguru)  
Luhya ~ Luyia  
Luo  
Luyia (see Luhya)  
Lwo (see Acoli)  
Ma'di (see Lugbara)  
Maasai  
Machame (see Caga)  
Makere (see Mangbetu)  
Makonde  
Makua  
Mambwe

NK: Bantu  
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Mamvu/Mamwu	NS: Cent. Sudanic
Mangbetu	NS: Cent. Sudanic
Masaba ~ Gishu	NK: Bantu
Matengo	NK: Bantu
Matuumbi	NK: Bantu
Mawiha	NK: Bantu
Mbeere/Mbere	NK: Bantu
Mbowe (see Mbugwe)	NK: Bantu
Mbugu	AA: S. Cushitic
Mbugwe/Buwe/Mbowe	NK: Bantu
Meje (see Mangbetu)	NS: Cent. Sudanic
Meru/Meroe	NK: Bantu
Miutini (see Meru)	NK: Bantu
Moshi (see Caga)	NK: Bantu
Mosiro (see Dorobo)	NS: S. Nilotic
Muthambi (see Meru)	NK: Bantu
Mwanga	NK: Bantu
Mwera	NK: Bantu
Mwika (see Caga)	NK: Bantu
Mwimbi (see Meru)	NK: Bantu
Nandi-Kipsigis ~ Kalenjin	NS: S. Nilotic
Nata	NK: Bantu
Ndali	NK: Bantu
Ngasa	NS: E. Nilotic
Ngindo	NK: Bantu
Ngoreme (see Ngurimi)	NK: Bantu
Ngulu/Nguu	NK: Bantu
Ngurimi/Ngoreme	NK: Bantu
Nguu (see Ngulu)	NK: Bantu
Nilamba ~ Ilamba	NK: Bantu
Nkore (see Nyankore)	NK: Bantu
Nyakyusa ~ Konde	NK: Bantu
Nyala/Nyara	NK: Bantu
Nyali	NK: Bantu
Nyamwezi	NK: Bantu
Nyankore ~ Nkore	NK: Bantu
Nyara	NK: Bantu
Nyaturu (see Rimi)	NK: Bantu
Nyiha ~ Safwa	NK: Bantu
Nyika (see Giriyama)	NK: Bantu
Nyole/Nyore	NK: Bantu
Nyoro-Toro	NK: Bantu
Padhola (see Adhola)	NS: W. Nilotic
Pakot (see Pokot)	NS: S. Nilotic
Pangwa	NK: Bantu
Pare	NK: Bantu
Pimbwe	NK: Bantu
Pogoro/Pogolo	NK: Bantu
Pokomo	NK: Bantu
Pokot ~ Suk	NS: S. Nilotic
Rabai (see Giriyama)	NK: Bantu
Ragoli (see Logooli)	NK: Bantu
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